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Overview

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Southern Command personnel handled 1,086 crashes as compared to 1,342 crashes in October 2007. The total crashes decreased by 19.9% compared to last year. This reduction in crashes can be attributed to roadway improvements, multi-agency traffic enforcement initiatives on the highway, extensive public education efforts and the significant increases in fuel costs. When compared to last year, fatalities increased by 25.0%, this equates to 2 more fatal crashes in October 2008. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified a 10.2 % decrease in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to October 2007. Of the 53 commercial vehicle crashes investigated this month, 18 resulted in injuries, no fatalities and the remaining 35 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 4.9% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 3.9% of all crashes in the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 1,002 crash reports in October. This resulted in 5,457 crash reports being mailed out, 5.8% fewer than last October. There were 917 visitors, requesting police services at the Front Office which was a decrease of 1.4% when compared to October 2007.

The Southern Command Communication Center logged 23,661 CAD incidents and 34,512 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had a decrease in the overall traffic enforcement by 20.8% in October 2008, as compared to October 2007. DUI arrests from crashes were down 35.4% as compared to last year. DUI arrests prior to crashes also decreased by 9.0% as compared to last year. Total arrests were down 19.7%.

The Commercial Enforcement Section increased its Hazardous moving violation citations by 105.9% and its other citations by 58.4% as compared to last October. The number of Safety Inspections decreased by 24.4% compared to last year. This resulted in 66 vehicles and 44 drivers being placed "Out of Service".

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	October-08	October-07	% Change	September-08	% Change
Total crashes	1086	1342	-19.9%	1040	4.4%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	841	996	-15.6%	751	12.0%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	235	338	-30.5%	284	-17.3%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	10	8	25.0%	5	100.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	42	65	-35.4%	48	-12.5%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	12	8	50.0%	6	100.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	3	-66.7%	3	-66.7%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	2	0	200%	1	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	4	2	100%	2	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1	0	100%	0	100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	4	3	33.3%	0	400.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	53	59	-10.2%	58	-8.6%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	35	45	-22.2%	50	-30.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	18	14	28.6%	8	38.5%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.9%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.9%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 37.5%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.9%
- ✱ Total crashes down 19.9 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are down 10.2% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes are up 25.0 % as compared to last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	October-08		October-07	% Change		September-08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	42		65	-35.4%		48	-12.5%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	172		189	-9.0%		159	8.2%
Other arrests	811		3061	-73.5%		822	-1.3%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	335		417	-19.7%		344	-2.6%
Speed violations	4313		4333	-0.5%		3577	20.6%
Hazardous moving violations	2149		2521	-14.8%		2028	6.0%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	469		617	-24.0%		622	-24.6%
Total violations [above violations included]	11302		14278	-20.8%		10485	7.8%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	105		51	105.9%		88	19.3%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	255		161	58.4%		203	25.6%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	820		1084	-24.4%		775	5.8%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	10		1	900.0%		19	-47.4%
Total safety violations -- citation	254		443	-42.7%		260	-2.3%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1145		1723	-33.5%		1169	-2.1%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	66		90	-26.7%		75	-12.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	44		65	-32.3%		44	0.0%
Total school buses inspected	341		354	-3.7%		200	70.5%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	35		37	-5.4%		28	25.0%
Total trucks weighed	149		3788	-96.1%		56	166.1%
Total overweight citations	22		31	-29.0%		26	-15.4%
Total dyed fuel inspections	613		1125	-45.5%		625	-1.9%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		1	0.0%		0	100.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	33		30		10
Safety Violations Citation	3		7		
Safety Violations Repair Order	1		30		12
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"			3		
Dyed Fuel Inspections			13		
Dyed Fuel Citations					

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.157%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 32.6087 years old.
- ✱ 0.0% of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 10% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	October 2008		October 2007	% Change		September 2008	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	425,185		269,040	73.5%		437,272	-2.8%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1,792,753		1,074,239	131.0%		1,800,475	-0.4%
CAD Incidents	23,661		26,656	-8.1%		24,112	-1.9%
Telephone Calls	34,512		35,996	-1.8%		32,003	7.8%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	50		69	-31.5%		63	-20.6%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	1,002		1,568	-36.1%		1,237	-19.0%
Arrest Reports Processed	320		341	-6.2%		353	-9.3%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	30		37	-18.9%		16	87.5%
Vehicle Impound Releases	109		173	-37.0%		160	-31.9%
Visitors at Counter	917		930	-1.4%		1,021	-10.2%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	5,457		5,792	-5.8%		6,233	-12.4%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	845		1,055	-19.9%		606	39.4%
Warrants Entered	290		377	-23.1%		167	73.7%
Warrants Cleared	581		315	84.4%		214	171.5%
Warrants Validated	13		1,946	-99.3%		8	62.5%
Extradition / Transports	16		21	-23.8%		16	0.0%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	55		46	19.6%		62	-11.3%
New Items Submitted	118		82	43.9%		148	-20.3%
Items Disposed	35		57	-38.6%		48	-27.1%

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 85.4% of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 14.6 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 0.0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0.0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Attorney General's Office is responsible for 0.0 % of case submissions.

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 12 Contracts using 524 hours, billed in the amount of \$43,481.72

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
1050	20	97	29	11

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
685	473	23	104	53	51

Community service appearances: (15)

- Arbor View HS – Clark HS (4 Visits) – Canyon Springs HS (4 Visits) – Centennial HS (6 Visits)

Additional Appearances and Meetings: (30 total)

- Southern Nevada Traffic Advisory Task Force
- IR 15 Coordinating meeting with NDOT, Cal-Trans, and CHP
- Nellis Air Force Base – First Term Airman's Course
- IR 15 Blasting Operational Meeting
- IR 15 Design Build project meetings
- Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run Conference
- Guest presenter at Trauma Intervention Programs Training (TIP of Southern Nevada)
- On-going training for Meth 360 Project
- Joining Forces Speed Enforcement 2009 press conference
- On-going discussions for OTS & STOP DUI // campaign with Al Unser Jr.
- Driver's Edge – distribution of OTS funded DVD and event
- Committee work on Nevada Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- TIM Coalition Open Roads Agreement Press Event
- Baldy Bash
- Viva Bike Vegas event with RTC
- Nevada Seat Belt Coalition introduction
- Work on new NHP web page
- Work with Nye County DUI Coalition
- Nellis AFB Traffic Safety Briefing for returning Air National Guard Personnel